

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
HNC REVISION: 19 FEBRUARY 1997
TAG REVIEW DATE: 6 MARCH 1997**

1. **SITE NAME:** Sheep Pond Bombing Range (Madaket Range)

SITE NUMBER: D01MA045500

LOCATION:
City: Nantucket
County: Nantucket
State: Massachusetts

PROJECT NUMBER: D01MA045501

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 3

ASR RAC: 3

TAG RAC: 3 (CR)

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** The Sheep Pond Bombing Area, also known as the Madaket Range, was located in the southwestern quarter of Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, between Long Pond, on the west, and Hummock Pond, on the east, with the Atlantic Ocean as its

southern border. The western half of the site is dotted with private dwellings, while the eastern half is undeveloped and is the property of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation. The site is a boggy area. At times water stands in deep pools on the few dirt roads that cross it.

4. SITE HISTORY: The Sheep Pond Bombing Area consisted of 852.6 acres which was acquired in the fall of 1944. Documents from the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics describe the site as a Rocket Training Range, but do not specify the types of rockets that may have been used. It is unknown whether this range was actually used or not. If the range was used it was used in conjunction with the adjacent Hummock Pond Aerial Target Range by planes from Quonset Point Naval Air Station, Rhode Island. The land was returned to its original owners in 1946. There has been one report of ordnance found at the site. The item was a 5" round(probable a 5" rocket) and was along the beach. It is believed, by the local fire department that the item came from another portion of the island, possibly the southeastern part of the island where a heavily used range existed, Tom Nevers Rocket Range.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area

Size, Acres:	852.6
Former Use:	Rocket Range
Present Use:	Private dwellings, Undeveloped Conservation Lands
Probable End Use:	Same as Present Use, Hotel Chains
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Types:	5" Rocket Warhead

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report for the former Sheep Pond Bombing Range was completed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District in September 1995.

7. STRATEGY: Closure Report (NOFA)

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: The site is believed to have been a Practice Rocket Range. It is unknown whether or not the range was used. However, persons very familiar with Nantucket Island were interviewed, none of them had ever heard of the range. The interviewees were familiar with another range on the island that was heavily used, Tom Nevers Rocket Range which is on the eastern end of the island. There has only been one reported encounter with OE on the site. The local fire department believed that the 5" round that was found along the beach came from another location, possibly from the eastern end of the island. The site

investigation team found no evidence of OE, defined targets, nor craters. Since there is the possibility that this site may have never been used and the only OE that has been found is believed to have come from another range, the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) recommended that a closure report be done. The closure report will leave the RAC score a three, but there will be no further studies or removal actions performed at the site.

There are known Federally- and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by the appropriate federal and state personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: CR

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only
